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ECONOFF delivered reftel points to Timor El-Dardiry, the officer responsible for Asian Development Bank (ADB) issues in the Department for the UN and International Financial Institutions at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. El-Dardiry explained that the Dutch maintain the same position as that of other European shareholders, namely that the current wording of the Safeguard Policy as proposed by ADB management should be maintained. Specifically, the Dutch want to maintain the current language of "free, prior, and informed consent," rather than "free, prior, and informed consultation."

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